

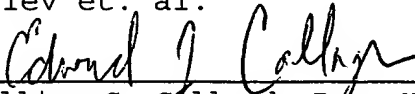
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In summary, the specification has been amended wherein a substitute specification, including a replacement abstract and a marked up copy are enclosed. Amended Drawings are also enclosed including replacement sheets for FIGS. 1-5, 9 and 10. In addition, claim(s) 1-24 have been canceled without prejudice. New Claims 25-36 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable over the above cited references taken either singly or in combination. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Enclosures: Substitute Specification (Marked-Up & Clean Copy); Replacement Drawing FIGS. 1-5, 9 & 10 (Seven (7) sheets); Three-Month Extension of Time

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings have been amended. Replacement sheets are enclosed for FIGS. 1-5, 9 and 10 indicating in the boxes where the identifying labels are placed.